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Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for 2005 Small Business Awards

(Hampton, Virginia) - The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (VPCC) is currently accepting nominations for this year's Small Business Awards. Each year the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce salutes deserving business owners for their contributions to the Peninsula's quality of life while achieving business success.

Award categories include Small Business Person of the Year, Minority Small Business Advocate, Woman in Business Advocate, and Entrepreneurial Success Award. The Small Business Person of the Year award salutes a local business owner who has not only been successful, but also made contributions to community-oriented projects through the use of his/her personal time and other resources.

Nominations for 2005 will be taken until Monday, March 7, 2005. Those submitting nominations will be contacted by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and will be asked to complete a one-page questionnaire, which will be due on Monday, April 4, 2005. At that point, a nomination review committee will review the nominees. Particular attention will be given to nominees who have contributed positively to the Peninsula's quality of life.

Announcement of the 2005 Small Business Person of the Year and other winners will be made at the Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Additionally, winners will be featured in the July edition of the *Enterprise*.

If you know of a deserving business owner you wish to nominate, please contact Amy Malone for a nomination form at (757) 262-2000 or email her at amalone@vpcc.org. Completed nomination forms may be faxed to (757) 262-2009 or mailed to VPCC, 1919 Commerce Drive, Suite 320, Hampton, Virginia 23666. Check out the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce web site at www.vpcc.org for more information